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Convention met on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in October with the Uclletubba Church, Pontotoc City, Miss., for the purpose of organizing an Association.

Appropriate Sermon was preached by Elder E. Smith, from Heb. 11:1st clause, 2d ver. "Looking unto Jesus."

After a short intermission the Convention proceeded by calling Elder Stevall to the Chair, and Bro. Wm. D. Thomason to act as Sec'y. After mature deliberation, the Convention resolved to proceed to organize themselves into an Association, humbly hoping that their union for the glory of God and the mutual comfort, and edification of brethren, and the salvation of sinners.

After prayer by Bro. Stevall the Convention then adjourned until 9

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock — After prayer by Elder Johnson, the session proceeded.

A Constitution was presented each Article read separately, considered, and unanimously adopted.

An abstract of principles was presented, read, considered, and

The delegates from the Churches wishing to unite, were then upon to present their letters of dismission from their several associations, which were read and approved, viz: Hickory Grove, and Oak in the Chickasaw Asso.; Uclletubba and Montachies from the Abasco Asso.; Shilo from Bear Creek Asso.

The Convention then united in solemn prayer to God for His

Messing, protection, and guidance over us as an Association, in which Bro. E. Smith led. After which a few appropriate remarks were made by Bro. Stovall, in which he pronounced them an Association bearing the name of their own choice—THE JUDSON.

The Asso. then proceeded to appoint Elder E. Smith Moderator, and Bro. Wm. D. Thomason Clerk.

1st. The following Committees were then appointed: On Arrangement, Bros. Stovall, Jackson, Young, Gustrap, and Butler, with the Modr and Clk.

2d. On Finance—Bros. B. Jackson & H. C. Jones.

3d. On Preaching—Bros. Jackson, Keith, and Borden, with the Deacons of the Celestina Church.

4th. Bro. Wm. D. Thomason was chosen Treasurer.

After prayer by Bro. Stovall, the Association adjourned until 11 o'clock morning, 9 o'clock.

**LORD'S DAY.**—Bro. Stovall having been previously appointed preached the Missionary Sermon to a large and orderly congregation from Romans 14th, 7-8, "For no man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself," &c. After which a collection was made amounting to \$10.00—Bro. Young also preached from Romans 12th, 2, "And be not conformed to this world," &c.

**Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.**—After prayer by Bro. Fournier, the Association proceeded.

1st. Invited visiting Brethren to seat.

2d. Called for the report of the Committee on Arrangements. The report read, received, and adopted and the Com. discharged.

3d. The Report on Finance adopted, Com. discharged. See Report A. Unanimously agreed that we adopt the Rules of Decorum of Chickasaw Asso. leaving out the 9th Article, (as it is embraced in our Constitution).

Moved and Carried, That we have but one Union Meeting this year, and that it be held with the Montalines Creek Church, commencing on Friday before the 3d Lord's Day in July 1854, and that the Zion, Poplar Spring, and Mt. Zion Churches, be invited to unite with us in said meeting.

Resolved unanimously, That we propose correspondence with the following Associations, viz. Aberdeen, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek. Appointed messengers as follows: to Aberdeen Bros. Stovall, Jackson and Stevens; Bro. Jackson to write. To the Chickasaw Bro. Smith, Evans and Jones, Bro. Smith to write. To the Bear Creek, Bros. Young, Gustrap, and Butler, Bro. Young to write.

On motion. An Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of B. viz. B. Jackson, H. C. Jones, M. Brown, G. S. Stevens, and S. Underwood, to whose judgment, and discretion was submitted the management of missionary operations within our bounds.

Moved and carried, That the next session of the Judson Asso. be held with the Hickory Grove church near Harrisburg, Pontotoc Co. Miss. commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in Oct. 1854. Bro. Young to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. Archer alternate.—Bro. Stovall to preach the Missionary sermon, Bro. Smith alternate.

Resolved, That the Clerk Superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Resolved, That Bro. Young be requested to write for publication in the Tennessee Baptist, an account of the organization of the Judson Asso., its locality, prospects, &c.

Resolved, That we request the Churches composing our body to send, in their letters to the next Asso., an account of their funds—the amounts, disbursements, and for what purposes, also the number of scholars in their Sunday School, its Library, &c.

Resolved, That we as an Asso. highly approve of the "Tennessee Baptist," and of the course pursued by the Editor, our beloved Bro.

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yes. We recommend all the members of our churches, to subscribe and read this paper.

Resolved, That we advise the Churches composing our body, to proceed cautiously in putting forward men to preach the Gospel—relying the scriptural qualifications in 1st Tim. 3d ch. We think it advisable also, that the churches in our union, (when about to call for ordination,) should invite sister churches to co-operate with them in this very important work.

Whereas, We believe that the time has fully arrived when every member of God and man, should use every laudable means for suppression of the Liquor Traffic and Dram Drinking, which we believe to be the most powerful instrumentality used by Satan for the ruin of

therefore be it Resolved, That we advise the members composing Churches in our Union to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage, and in no way give their approbation and influence to the use or sale.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the Bre. and friends of this society for their kind entertainment.

Committee on Finance reported cash from the Churches to pay for Minutes, \$25 25

Contribution on Lord's day for Home Mission purposes, 40 00

After prayer by Bro. Wm J. Thomas, the Association finally adjourned.

ELIJAH SMITH, Mod'r.

W. M. D. THOMASON, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

WE, the united Baptist Churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Associations viz: Meriden, Chickasaw, and Bear Creek; have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

Art. 1st. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different Churches in our Union, who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The letters from the Churches are to express the No. of white male and female members, No. of colored members, time of meeting,—

— Baptized, received by Baptism, Restored, Dismissed by letter, Expelled or dead, since the last Association, the name of the Pastor and his office.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen, and convened, shall be known by the name of the JUDSON Association, who shall have no power to bind it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal rights of the Churches in Union; but shall be an advisory council, for the common benefit of all the Churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Assn. shall have power to exclude any Church from the Union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel in FAITH or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopt and believe, may be seen in our Abstract.)

Art. 4. Every Church in the union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state her reason in her letter to the next Association.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith, and in good

order, the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

Art. 6. The Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum, of their own adoption.

Art. 7. This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Assn.

Art. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it, shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

Art. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by the voluntary contributions of the churches sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Assn. who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys received by him as treasurer.

Art. 10. The Assn. shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismission of churches, which shall be unanimous.

Art. 11. This Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of this Association to appoint a minister to preach an Introductory sermon, one to preach a Missionary sermon with alternates; at each succeeding session, also the time and place for the next Association.

Art. 13. No charge will be received against any Church in our Union, only when established by a sister Church.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two thirds of the Churches composing the body.

Art. 14. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association finally adjourns.

## ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice.

2d—We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and that this true God is the only object of all religious worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to any thing else, in the name of God is Idolatry and abomination in His sight.

3d—We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned, and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence, that all his posterity, by ordinary generation, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4—We believe that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition; and that unless God himself had provided a way of Salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever; because that all have sinned.

5th—We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son, that this way of Salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council, before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

6th—We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of

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himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7th.—We believe that Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that he first became our surety, and in the fulness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that he makes before this Throne in our behalf is built upon His own and all-atoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8th.—We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the Gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9th.—We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit, are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all, and upon all them that believe.

10th.—We believe that all who are called to be Saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11th.—We believe that Christian Churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of a change of the heart, and who have been regularly Baptized.

12th.—We believe that the Government of the Church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body; but that it is left to the whole Church.

13th.—We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God; and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labour, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14th.—We believe as God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the Church, and the advancement of his Kingdom; that it is the duty of Church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.

15th.—We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive Institutions or Ordinances to be observed in his Church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; THAT BAPTISM IS IMMERSION in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that Baptism precedes the Lord's Supper; AND NONE but regularly baptized ministers have any right to administer them.

16th.—We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life, and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

17th.—Finally, we believe that the Gospel, with all its obligations, privileges and blessings, has been committed to the Church; and it is specially enjoined to make it known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Saviour pledges His presence to the end of the world.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of Order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary.

to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the Chair.

Art. 5th. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6th. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

Art. 7th. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8th. Every subject introduced for discussion, shall be decided, before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

Art. 9th. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11th. Any member violating the Rules shall be subject to be reprimanded by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12th. Amendments or alterations may be made to these Rules when a majority may deem it necessary.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Ch. No.	Pastor.	Post Office.	DELEGATES	Day of Meeting.	First Number.	Cost of Mission.
Hickory Grove	A. L. Stovall.	Harrisburg.	A. L. Stovall B. Jackson, W. L. Thompson	4	75	\$5.00
Oclitubba.	J. Boswell.	Saltville.	A. L. Evans H. C. Jones S. W. Butler, A. P. Foster.	2	1.8	600
Oak Hill.		Pontotoc.	F. Smith, Wm Young M. Brown.	3	90	600
Montachra Creek.		W. Fulton.	J. Coltrapp, G. Ratliff, G. S. Strapps.	2	115	600
Shilo.	(Wm Archer.	Marietta.	W. Archer, S. Underwood, M. A. Brazier.	1	28	100
Total,						\$4.14 \$25.00

P. S.—Bros. Smith, Archer, Young and Stovall are ordained Ministers, Bro. Evans Licensed

